

## **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes**

**June 8, 2022 - 6:30 PM**

#### Advisory Committee Members

Howie Labiner – Chair	Susan Chambers – Vice Chair	Sandi Lee
Ryan Maclatchie	Debbie Chopas	Tara Van Genderen
Harvey Boyd	Deidra Fisher	Jamison Whittaker
Kathy Nordstrand		

Corey King – Staff Liason

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Roll Call
  - a) Present: Howie Labiner – Chair, Susan Chambers – Vice chair, Sandi Lee, Tara Van Genderen, Debbie Chopas, Corey King, Jamison Whittaker, Harvey Boyd, Charles Smith, Lee Anne Moore
  - b) Absent: Ryan Maclatchie (tried to log in remotely), Deidra Fisher, Kathy Nordstrand
  - c) Motion to approve minutes (labeled as Agenda) from May's meeting passed unanimously.
- III.** Public Comment: - No comments
- IV.** Division Reports:
  - a) Numbers for Beach Fest; thousands about the same turn out. Thoughts of adding a half day in the future for the kids like a carnival day. Carnival stays open a third day. Giving people an additional day, given the weather. Post COVID harder to find vendors.  
*- Faulty Audio - Missing conversation*
  - b) Titanic the Musical in November. Providing value for adults. Production not affiliated with Matthews Playhouse.
  - c) Idea to host Pride Month for June 2023, not competing with Charlotte who has it in August
- V.** Director's Report
  - a) Department Project Updates
    - i. Budget is expected to be approved on June 30<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Stumptown Veterans Memorial Park
      1. Met with Kirk Lowry to talk through ideas for the project

2. Waiting for the research and content for the panels;  
moving away from the granite monuments. QR Code for  
more and updated content
- iii. Proposed Bond Referendum in November 2022
  1. Parks \$14 million and \$21 million transportation
    - a. Asking the committee to participate in informing  
residents about what those proceeds will be going  
towards
    - b. Purser Hulseay would likely be top of the list for  
Parks Projects
    - c.
  - iv. Mecklenburg County closed on the property at Weddington Rd/  
Pleasant Plains/Trade Street.
    1. Passive park with few amenities
  - v. Outen Pottery public meeting comments from the website. Show  
conceptual design, propose amenities and feedback from public.  
June 16 meeting
  - vi. Town of Matthews moving forward with acquisition of property  
adjacent to Stumptown Park, Williams Property (137 South  
Fremont) 4.77 acres

## **VI. Old Business**

- a) Taking a picture of the group to be represented in the July Newsletter and  
highlight all that they do.

## **VII. New Business**

- a) 3221 Chipwood Lane – (Iris Devore's property). 28-30 acres. Potential  
park and event space. Event space like a wedding venue, should look  
into commercial kitchen set up. Debbie suggested a botanical gardens.  
Corey does not see this as an "extremely active" recreation space;  
Potential risks with the lake on the property, but will likely include fishing  
similar to Squirrel Lake Park.
- b) Pickle Ball and Tennis courts. These will be discussed in future meetings,  
wanted it to be on the committee's radar. Matthews Tennis Club has 10  
courts and they can subdivide tennis courts and 4 pickle ball courts.  
Public outdoor facility would provide courts to people who cannot pay or  
willing to pay membership fees
- c) Sandy mentioned recognition for First Responder's as an idea to add to  
the Chipwood lane site
- d) Matthews Playhouse planning an outdoor performance in the Stumptown  
Park, likely in Fall '22
- e) First Juneteenth Celebration at Town Hall 6/20, 7PM – 8PM

## **VIII. Adjournment**